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1. THIS TELEGRAM IS A SUMMARY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE  
EFFORT TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON MISSING  
PERSONS.

2. BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, ACTING SRSG GORGE BEGAN TO DIS-  
CUSS POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE ON THE QUESTION OF DECISION  
MAKING WITH "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH, TURKISH AMBASSADOR  
ONHON AND GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS. GORGE  
RAISED THE ISSUE WITH EACH MAN SEVERAL TIMES. THESE DISCUSSIONS  
DID NOT PROGRESS UNTIL EARLY APRIL WHEN A VISIT BY ICRC REPRES-  
ENTATIVE LIX SIMONIUS GAVE GORGE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HOW  
ICRC PLANNED TO INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVE IF COMMITTEE WERE  
FORMED. MISS SIMONIUS MADE IT CLEAR TO GORGE THAT ICRC COULD  
SEE NO SITUATION IN WHICH ITS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD VOTE.

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3. BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MISS SIMONIUS GORGE  
RAISED THE MATTER AGAIN WITH DENKTASH AND POINTED OUT  
THAT ICRC WOULD NOT VOTE. DENKTASH SAID HE THOUGHT HE  
COULD LIVE WITH A FORMULATION IN THE GUIDELINES SOME-  
THING LIKE "IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, WEIGHT  
WILL BE GIVEN TO THE OPINION OF ICRC WHICH WILL NOT BE

DISREGARDED." GORGE PRESENTED THIS FORMUAL TO  
PAPADOPOULOS WHO STALLED FOR SOME TIME BEFORE RESPONDING.

4. THE QUESTION BECAME ACTIVE AGAIN WHEN UNSYG WALDHEIM  
VISITED CYPRUS ON APRIL 19. DURING THAT VISIT WALDHEIM  
MET WITH MISSING PERSONS REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSED THE  
QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH. BOTH  
INDICATED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY AGAIN TO FORM THE  
COMMITTEE. WALDHEIM TASKED GORGE TO FOLLOW UP WITH BOTH  
COMMUNITIES. GORGE SUBSEQUENTLY SMOKED A RESPONSE TO NEW  
DENKTASH FORMULA OUT OF GREEK CYPRIOTS IN EARLY MAY.  
PAPADOPULOS SAID GOC COULD LIVE WITH A FORMULATION THAT  
"THE OPINION OF ICRC WILL PREVAIL" NOTING THAT THIS IS CLOSE  
TO DENKTASH'S"...THE OPINION OF ICRC...WILL NOT BE DIS-  
REGARDED." HOWEVER, PAPADOPOULOS SAID, ALL OTHER ASPECTS  
OF THE FORMERLY AGREED GUIDELINES AND SUPPLEMENTARY STATE-  
MENT WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BEFORE GOC COULD GIVE FINAL AP-  
PROVAL. (GORGE -- PLEASE PROTECT ON THIS POINT -- BELIEVES  
THAT GREEK CYPRIOTO AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT EARLY ACTION  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE  
BECAUSE IT COULD BE SEEN AS PROGRESS ON CYPRUS AND -  
MIGHT EFFECT THE GOC CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT LIFTING OF U.S.  
ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY.)

5. IN ANY CASE DENKTASH'S NEW LANGUAGE AND PAPADOPULOS'  
REPLY TURNED OUT TO BE HIGH POINT IN THE CURRENT EFFORT.  
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DENKTASH HAS NOT BEEN IN CYPRUS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS SO  
TURKISH CYPRIOTS CANNOT MOVE. IN NEW SRSG GALINDO-POHL'S  
INITIAL CONTACTS WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR LATTER MADE IT  
CLEAR THAT TURKEY DOES NOT WANT EARLY ACTION ON THE FORMATION  
OF THE COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS  
WERE EQUALLY NEGATIVE IN THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH GALINDO-POHL.

6. UNSYG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE THE QUESTION OF MISSING  
PERSONS WITH ALL PARTIES WHEN HE MEETS THEM LATER THIS  
MONTH AND IN JUNE BUT GALINDO-POHL AND GORGE SEE LITTLE  
PROSPECT FOR CHANGE IN STATUS QUO. THEY WILL NOT PRESS  
THE ISSUE HERE UNTIL AFTER WALDHEIM SEES KYPRIANOU AND  
DENKTASH.  
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